

(Copyright, 1895, by Irving Bacheller.) CHAPTER I.

On the wall opposite, as I sit at my study hangs a small picture framed in white. Though but a sketch in watercolor, it shows the handling of a master; and if the observer be a connoisseur, he will recognize the touch of Winslow Homer. The subject is a New England farmhouse among the hills; time, sunset of an October day.

The house, as you see, occupies the summit of an acclivity. Its broad hip-roof, its blunt gables, and its massive chimney stand out against the sky. The orange light from the west illuminates the venerable front, and glows on its deep-set windows. stand one on either side of the heavily framed doorway. That on the right is a butternut; the other is an elm; and in the apparently still solid trunk of the former (as I happen to know, though it could not be represented in Mr. Homer's sketch) is still embedded a bullet fired from a flintlock musket in the hands of an Indian, one hundred and eighty years ago. The bullet was meant for the stout heart of Mistress Nancy Billop, who, with her two sons, was defending the house against a raid of the savages during the absence of her husband on a trading trip to the coast. For the house, as well as the trees, stood there in 1715, looking, propably, not very different house, as well as the trees, stood there in 1715, looking, probably, not very different from what they do now. You may be glad to know that the Indians were beaten off, after three of them had been shot dead while unsuccessfully trying to set the building on fire; and the valiant little garrison was relieved betimes next morning. I mention this episode merely to give you an idea what sort of stuff these Billops had in



Two Trees of Unknown Age.

them. Be we democratic as we may, we cannot help liking our friends the better for descending from stock like that.

Let us now make a skip of a century and a half or so, during which the Billops generations succeeded one another in a steady, honorable, but somewhat uneventful career of prosperity; raising crops, breeding cattle sending a representative to the warstle sending a representative to the warstlessending a representative to the war tle, sending a representative to the wars, when there were any, and voting for that form of government which stands for liberty, security and minding your own business.

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The original Billop was a pioneer in that region, and owned everything in sight from his windows. When, in course of time, other settlers came along, he had treated them hospitably, and bid them help themselves to anything they wanted in the way of farms, up to within a radius of a mile from his doorstep. The land within that radius got to be known as Billop's farm; and it contained the finest land—upland pasture, forest and meadow—to be found in the neighborhood. Early in the century, about half of this farm was sold to a man by the name of Corvin. We have business with some of his posterity in the present of farms, up to within a radius of a mile from his doorstep. The land within that radius got to be known as Billop's farm; and it contained the finest land—upland pasture, forest and meadow—to be found in the neighborhood. Early in the century, about half of this farm was sold to a man by the name of Corvin. We have business with some of his posterity in the present narrative.

The house which Corvin built stood half way between the old Billop homestead and there is no help for it. In this case, though, one hope was still induiged by a chough, one hope was still induiged by a the community. It was recalled that, during the lifetime of Matthew, the Billop couse was believed to be haunted. Matthew's spirit, instead of adding to the supernatural crew, however, had apparently taken the existent ghosts away with it; at all events, the manifestations had come

gradual course of materialization since before the revolutionary war. Corvin was a
lawyer. He brought meney with him, and
nade more. He was a pushing, shrewd
ran, and before his death had served a
term in the state legislature. His son
adopted the profession of law also, but did
not make out so well with it. He seemed to
lack the gift of success. Being, upon a
time, in straits, he got a considerable ioan
of money. Now, no details as to this loan course of materialization since betime, in straits, he got a considerable loan of money. Now, no details as to this loan were known, but it was the general impression that it came from Matthew Billop, the then head of the Billop clan, with whom Corvin was understood to be on rather intimate terms. What security did Corvin give for it? What was there for him to give, except a mortgage on his land? It was not known what use he made of the loan; but these were indications that he never paid interest on it, and it was only a guestion of interest on it, and it was only a question of time, therefore, when it would be foreclosed. For Matthew Billop was rot the sort of man to give up his just dues to anybody. o give up his just dues to anybody.

This Matthew is known in local history

This Matthew is known in local history as Miser Billop. He was the last male of his race, and perhaps the ablest of any of them. For reasons best known to himself, he never married. He had two sisters, one of whom, Sally, married John Linton, and dled a year after, followed several years later by her husband; the other Nancy, remained an old mail, and kept house for Matthew. We shall have the pleasure of her nearer acquaintance shortly. I will only observe here that she was in love, in her salad days, with a certain good-looking, easy-going young fellow by the name of Brent. Brent, being more good-looking than otherwise good, illted her, and married her besom friend, Mary Selwin. The pair went to New Orleans, had a daughter, and then both died of yellow fever. Nancy might have said "Serve 'em right!" but she did not, not being that sort of a woman. But she had the little girl brought up north, and took care of her, and made her a daughter of her own. Betrayed by both her learners. as Miser Billop. He was the last male of and took care of her, and made her a daughter of her own. Betrayed by both her lover and her friend, she loved their little Nellie all the more tenderly for their sakes. This transaction took place about 1870. Now, Sally, before her death, had presented her husband with a son. Thomas; and this



Miser Billop

Thomas became an orphan at almost the date of the New Orleans tragedy. Thomas was eight or nine years Nellie's senior. It will not surprise any one to learn that Nancy adopted him also; being her own pephew, and destitute, she could hardly do less. Thus, although an old maid, she was provided at the state of the st

PEARY'S STRUGGLE

Only Great Perseverance Saved Him and His Party.

FUOD CACHES COULDN'T BE FOUND

Slaughtered and Eaten.

disapprarance, or death, happened to occur at the very period when that mortgage of Corvin's would naturally have been fore-closed, and since no trace of a deed of SAVED IN NICK OF TIME

mortgage, or anything else referring to af-fairs with Corvin was discovered among his I ape's, and, finally, since the last time he was seen alive was the evening he left home, after telling Nancy that he was go-ing down to have a chat with Corvin—why, ST. JOHN'S, N. F., September 21.-Failure, plus starvation and misery, is written arge on the record of Peary's expedition ing down to have a chat with Corvin-why, people were free to form their own opinions, and they did so. But if their opinions had any sinister significance—if, for example, they leant toward connecting the vanished man's fate with the fact that Corvin was thereby relieved of the necessity of losing most of his worldly possessions—nothing ever came of them, because nothing ever transpired to indicate that Corvin knew of or had a hand in the taking off of his credwhich reached here today. Peary first went north in 1891 and the next spring crossed the interior of the Greenland ice cap to the northern extremity, Independence bay, latitude 81.44 north. He took a larger expedition north in 1893, hoping to get polewards over land masses, visible therefrom, but when he started from heador had a hand in the taking off of his creditor. On the contrary, he was quite active in searching for him. But Matthew had gone out of sight like a soap bubble, leaving rot a trace behind him.

Hitherto you will have observed that there has been a good deal of observed wand. quarters, Anniversary Lodge, in Bowdoin bay, latitude 77.48 north, in March, 1894, to make a second journey over the icecap, his party of eight men encountered a succes-For a trace behind him.

Hitherto you will have observed that there has been a good deal of chronology and genealogy. But there is no need of punctually remembering them. They were introduced merely to provide a background and an atmosphere for the events of the story itself. Stories of mystery, such as this is, need backgrounds and atmospheres in order to produce their full effect. Little except mystery will be found in what is to follow, and if you are able to sound the depths of it before the evolution of events brings it to light, all I can say is that you are cleverer than the present chronicler was at the time, or than any of the neighbors. Meanwhle you will appreciate Mr. Homer's artistic purpose in enveloping his sketch in that dreamy, mysterious, Indiansummer haze. Is there not something ghostly in that wreath of mist stealing along the middle distance, behind the big butternut tree?

I should have mentioned another reason for the local suspicions of Mr. Corvin. We have seen that Matthey was a wealthy sion of dreadful storms. They bravely tattled against them, but the thermometer sank to 55 degrees below zero, the men be ame frostbitten, the dogs froze solid, and their enterprise had to be abandoned. Before returning, however, Peary cached six nonths' provisions for eight men at the last camp, one hundred and thirty-five miles inland, and erected a cairn above them. Nearly all the members of the expedition returned home last summer, but Peary determined to remain and try again. Matthew Henson, his colored servant, also stopped, and Hugh Lee of Meriden likewise volunteered.

The Beginning of the Trip.

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I should have mentioned another reason for the local suspicions of Mr. Corvin. We have seen that Matthew was a wealthy man; his money was invested chiefly in real estate and railroads. But it became known that, shortly before his disappearance, he had been calling in these investments, and turning them into hard cash, with the design of partiting the mencals.

revealed, the lost money recovered, and Nancy reinstated once more in her own. Certainly that would be poetical justice, and things as strange are said to have hap-pened. We shall see what did happen shortly.

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FRAUD CHARGED.

Valuable Lands Scized by Schemers in

Wyoming.

Robert Foote, state senator of John-

son county, Wyoming, has written an open letter to Mr. Smith, Secretary

of the Interior, exposing what he char

acterizes as "one of the most gigan

tic and glaring frauds of the age," which

says all the water of the streams in the Big Horn basin was parceled out to members of the "state land ring" by the state en-

of the "state land ring" by the state engineer, and companies have been formed
which propose to charge settlers \$10 per
acre for water rights which are not worth
over \$1 per acre. The lands which the
state authorities have asked to have set
apart under the Carey law are not desert
lands, as contemplated in the act of Congress, Mr. Foote asserts. In conclusion,
the senator says: "The design is to create
a system of peonage or tenantry at will

a system of peonage or tenantry at will among all of our rich valleys, where hon-orable and independent manhood should be found. God forbid such a consummation."

To Lay Torpedoes.

in London received an order from a

house in Constantinople for the British ad-

miralty charts of the Dardanelles. The

order was promptly filled. The London Chronicle publishes a dispatch from its cor-

commonder the constantinople saying the charts were procured for the Turkish ministry of wir, and are intended for use in laying torpedoes in the straits.

Home Again.

Among the passengers arriving at New York Saturday on the steamer

St. Louis were Col. Clayton McMichael of

the Philadelphia North American, James Elverson of the Philadelphia Inquirer, George S. Batchellor, United States min

ister to Portugal; Judge George C. Barrett, A. J. Cassatt and family, Walter S. Camp, Augustip Daly and wife, Mrs. Dr. F. O. Donohuë, Lloyd Griscom, Major C. W. Hulse, Fred A. Kurshedt, Horace J. Knapp, Seth Low and wife, Madam Melba, Congressman Screno E. Payne, Ada Rehan, H. A. Rogers and family. Thomas G. Sharr.

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Some time ago a firm of cartographers

is about to be committed, he says, in Wy-oming under the Carey arid land law. He

Waiting for the cessation of the March equinotical gales, they started from headpuarters April 1, three men, five sledges and forty-nine dogs. Within seven days they reached the proximity of the all precious cache of food on which the suc cess of the journey depended. Peary had cached it last year for the express purpose of ut.lizing it this spring. Disappointment, however, greeted them, as the most persistent and careful search failed to find it. Last winter's snows had obliterated every trace of it. With this terrible damper a their first start the three noble fellows still dared to venture into the unknown.

It meant hardship, privation, possibly death, but they would not retreat. Short ering their rations they began their ter rible journey. The suffering they endured few can tell. Many will term their action feelhardy, but aretic records teem with such deeds of daring. The party of three men was inadequate to face this wilder-ness, and this was proven when Lee, big of heart but frail of body, gave up through sheer exhaustion and lay down to die. His faithful companions drew him on a sledge for 150 miles till Independence bay was reached where permanent camp was formreached, where permanent camp was form the sufferer treated till he re

Dared Not Venture.

known that, shortly before his disappearance, he had been calling in these investments, and turning them into hard cash, with the design of putting the money in certain western enterprises that paid a higher interest. He must, then, have had a great many thousand dollars actually in his hands, for there was no trace of his having deposited any of it in the local braks. What had become of it? Like himself, it had dissolved, every dollar of it, into thin air. It was gone, but, on the other hand, Mr. Corvin soon after began to show symptoms of decided solvency. His luck took a turn; he was looking up in the world, at last. Instead of forfeiting his estate to the Billops, he presently found himself in a position to add some of the Billops acres to his own. Nancy, being so urexpectedly reduced in circumstances, and having no more head for business than a hen, was thankful to exchange parcels of her land for a little cash. The neighbors shook their heads; but what could they do? or say, even, above their breaths? Corvin was a lawyer, and a hard one; he would have been down an any one of them to whom he could trace an insinuation against his perfect integrity. They might think what they liked, but he was much more apt to put them in gool for libel than they were to get him hanged for murder. They had not even a corpus delicti.

What they did venture to say was that Corvin meant bit by bit to possess himself of the entire Billop estate, house and all, and turn poor Nancy out to shift for herself. For it was remembered that at the time Nancy had been betrothed to Brent, Corvin had himself been paying attentions to her, and that he had taken the rebuff very ill. Of course, his marriage with Miser Billop's sister would have been the making of him. He had married another girl immediately afterward, but he was of a temper to cherish grudges, and tow that he had his chance, he meant to satisfy it.

Thus do the guilty triumph in this world, and there is no help for it. In this case. Peary was, however, powerless to make any rew discoveries. He dared not venture alone on the ice and land masses extending north beyond the range of vision. A few miles of coast exploration to the northward, in the direction where a jutting cape forms Lockwood's highest point, 82.34, reached in 1883, forms the solitary achievement, and, dispirited and pattled. Peary turned his face homeward. During the stay on the coast eight musk oxen were shot, and their liesh, enabling the penmican stores to be kept for the return, saved the three explorers from a miserable death from hunger on that vast inland sea of ice. Peary acknowledges it was a miracle they escaped. No help could reach them, and, even as it was, they were ion. A few miles of coast exploration to reach them, and, even as it was, they were starving when they reached their home.

A Race With Death.

They started back on June 15, and after week's travel Lee again showed signs of weakness. They pushed on at top speed, but food for the dogs was likewise unobtainable, and it speedily became a case of at all events, the manifestations had come to a stop with his disappearance. But it was plausibly argued that a house which has orce been haunted is likely to be haunted again; indulgence in spirits clings to a house just as it does to a man. Now (argued these philosophers), although Mathew's immaterial part might very well forebear to disturb the peace of his good sister, who had tever done anybody any harm, but who was mertally afraid of disembodied intelligencies, yet the saturnine old miser, foreseeing the future, might, by only biding his time and saving up his energies, harry the man who had shed his blood, so soon as the latier should venture to set foot in his ancient domicile. Yes, he would haunt Lawyer Corvin as never lawyer had been haunted before, and it would go hard but the whole secret of the murder—if murder there had been—would be revealed, the lost money recovered, and the survival of the fittest. The weaker might live and help their master along. As the stores were consumed and dogs decreased, the sledges were abandoned. Then Lee had again to take his place in a sledge and the others to drag his weakened form along. Soon it became a struggle for very existence. Every ounce of investigations are was discarded. The sledges impedimenta was discarded. The sledges impedimenta was discarded. The sledges dwindled to two, the dogs to fifteen. The boundless, frozen field extended on every side, and looked to be their grave.

The rides were next abandoned, then the scientific instruments, wind gauges, etc., which could be dispensed with, until at last only one sledge, a few pounds of food and five does remained.

and five dogs remained. Terrible Last Hours.

As home grew nearer, while food was ranishing, they abandoned their last sledge and with one solitary dog, the lone sur vivor of the pack, faced the last twenty miles of this awful journey. It occupied them thirty-six hours, during which time not one morsel of food touched their lips. When they entered their comfortable lodge doubly dear after what they had come through, Lee fainted from sheer joy and was four hours unconscious. To show how desperate was their condition Peary aban-dened even their nautical almanae, tear ing out the three leaves of declinations for the days they expected to be occupying n reaching headquarters.

Endurance and Heroism.

Not since the gruesome story of Greely's men has such a story of misery, endurance and triumph over death itself been made public; but the Kite's crew tell more grue some stories still. They say the three men, to prolong their own lives, had to eat their dogs at the last, and the one who survives now owes his life to being Peary's pet, a companion on a former journey. This story is very probable, in view of the desperate straits they were reduced to. Peary's scien-tific records will doputless be advantageous to scientists, but would ill repay such desperate risks.

Another Ice Trip.

They rested at headquarters to recuperate and await the relief steamer, but Bowdoin bay was filled with ice. No ship could penetrate, and as days passed they asked themselves, would it open at all? Should it not they would have to travel south over the ice and find the steamer as best they could. However, help came from an unexpected

quarter.
The Kite left here July 11, reached Hol-The Kite left here July 11, reached Hotsteinburg July 19, where she took aboard Prof. Dyche and 3,000 specimens of birds, seals, fishes, &c., he had collected. Then she crossed Melville bay and reached the mouth of Inglefield gulf on July 31, but the ice barrier was impassable, and, after expansing every plan to reach them she ice barrier was impassable, and, after exhausting every plan to reach them, she steamed to McCormick bay, thirty-five miles farther north, where Peary wintered three years ago, and there landed Diebitsch, Salisbury and Dyche. They traveled along the coast to Anniversary Lodge, where they were gladly welcomed by the still exhausted explorers. The knowledge of the ship's presence stimulated them with fresh courter and they crossed over to her assisted. age, and they crossed over to her, assisted by their rescuers and the Eskimo, Peary setting foot on the Kite's deck on the even-ing of August 4. Next day the steamer started for a walrus hunt, and steamed north thirty miles beyond Littleton Island with clear water. As Capt. Bartlett said: "We could have gone as far north as we

Ruining French Leather Makers.

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La Justice of Paris Saturday said the son and a daughter, whom she chertake the manipulation of the leather market by An erican syndicates will exhaust the stocks of the French tanners in the had died the year before the proceedings?

Why, nobody knows; for Miser Matthew had died the year before the proceedings took place. When I say that he died, however, I speak hastily. I should have said, he disappeared. As he never reappeared mister of deputies Gen. Zurlinden, the chamber of deputies Gen. Zurlinden, the saked what steps and sent no messages, it was finally assumed that dead he must be. And since his

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Dr. Caiger, the eminent physician of Boston, says regarding the formula of Ripans Tabules: "I like such a formula and shall use them. I always find the Ipecac very useful in cases of indigestion. I also like the Nux Vomica. I think the dose about right."

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easiness at the stomach. You probably know the symptoms-dizziness,

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meals, heartburn, &c. If you have any of these symptoms, you have dys-

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"The Tabules Should be Swallowed Whole."

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The Boat Nearly Lost.

They abandoned the attempt and took a cruise to Lancaster sound, which nearly resulted in the loss of the steamer. She got imprisoned in an ice floe for four days, and was in imminent danger of being crushed by the ice. Her position was critical. She was caught in the midst of the middle pack of Baffin's bay, the dread of every arctic mariner, and all on board had their effects ready to throw out on the ice should her sides be crushed. Fortunately, the ice sides be crushed. Fortunately, the ice opened and she escaped. After this last and worst danger of all the home journey from Disco was made quickly and without incident, and all were thankful when she tied up at the wharf today.

Through With Arctic Work. Special Dispatch to the Philadelphia Press. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., September 22.—When

interviewed by the Press' correspondent today Lieut. Peary declared that he was dore with arctic work. He has performed his share, and says he is too old for further exploration.

Mrs. Peary did not accompany the relief expedition, but is in New York, and will remain there until Lieut. Peary reaches that city. Then he will come with her to Wash-

The Golden Cross.

St. John's Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, held an interesting meeting on Saturday evening last. Noble Commander Thos. M. Downing presided. Past Grand Con-mander Ehle, in behalf of Knight Pearson, who was absent, requested that the committee on the good of the order be authorized to confer with the committee of Capital Commandery for the purpose of tendering a complimentary entertainment and reception to Trinity Commandery at an early date, which was granted.

granted.

At the last meeting of Halcyon Commandery Noble Commander Milton T. Adkins presided. One application for membership was presented. The question of the organization of a "prompt relief association" was discussed by the noble commander, Jas. Trainor, Thomas Humphrey, Ltd. Magnetic Commander and the commander of the H. Cline. Jas. T. mander, Jas. Trainor, Thomas Humphrey, L. G. Magruder, 1Geo. H. Cline, Jas. T. Loveless and othersa Under the good of the order Dr. J. P. Lewis read a humorous selection. At the next meeting, on October 4, the degrees will-be conferred.

Trinity and Potomac Commanderies held short sessions at their last meetings. The lady noble commanders—Miss Susan A. Longley of the former and Miss Edith B. Ashford of the latter—promise large accessions to their membership during this term. The adjourned session of the Grand Commandery Hall, No. 621 Louislana avenue, on Thursday evening next. Important legislation affecting the constitution and by-

islation affecting the constitution and by laws will be acted

Playing With Matches.

Alberta Brown, a little colored girl thre ears old, was probably fatally burned last night in Rumsey's alley southeast. A number of children were playing with matches and one of them in some way set th and the of them in some way set the Brown child's dress afire. She ran screaming into her home, and before her mother could get to her the dress was entirely burned, and her throat, back and shoulders were fearfully seared. The police took the little sufferer to Providence Hospital, where an effort is being made to save her life

for the present year shall be. The present arrangement of an organist and precentor may continue, or Mr. Foster may be authorized to form a quartet choir. In this latter event it is hardly likely that as much money will be appropriated as formerly, although there are many in the congregation who would be glad to have some of the former singers resume their places. There is a possibility of the church wanting to get along with a volunteer chorus choir, but this is considered unsatisfactory unless there is also a paid quartet. Volunteer singers cannot always be relied upon, and the number present is always dependent on the state of the weather or the inclination of the individuals. It may be that nothing definite will be decided upon until the new year, as the fiscal year of this church commences the 1st of Janu-

ary.
The large attendance of the Moody choir The large attendance of the Moody cnoir at the first rehearsal this season was very gratifying to its leader, Mr. Percy S. Foster. This has become a permanent organization, and it will probably give two or three concerts at Convention Hall during the winter. A sort of reception or social gathering is planned for the middle of November, which will be held either in the First Congregational or the First Banist Church Mr. will be neid either in the First Courted.

tional or the First Baptist Church. Mr.
Foster says he is pleased that a number of
singers who rank high as soloists have recently joined the choir, so that it is now thoroughly equipped for solo as well as chorus
work. This choir will prove a valuable rucleus for the great body of singers that will be required at the Christian Endeavor con-

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The Calvary Baptist Church has had a fine new organ built, which has arrived in this city, but has not yet been put in its place. It is hoped that it may be erected in the church by the 1st of October, but it is not yet certain when the extensive retains the church by the strength of the converse of the con it is not yet certain when the extensive re-pairs to the church that have been in oppairs to the church that have been in op-eration during the summer will be com-pleted. This organ will be one of the best-toned instruments in the city, and Prof. John Porter Lawrence, who played upon it in the factory at Boston, speaks in high terms of its excellence. Mr. Gebest, the new organist engaged for this church, rained considerable resultation in Ohio, but new organist engaged for this church, gained considerable reputation in Ohio, but two years ago went to Berlin, Germany, where he has remained ever since, perfecting himself upon the organ and in composition. He will come direct from Berlin to this city, and is expected to arrive by October 1. It is probable that when he takes charge a quartet choir composed of october 1. It is probable that when he takes charge a quartet choir, composed of the best singers obtainable, will be engaged to furnish the music for this church. There has been some criticism among the local musicians as to the policy of going abroad to select an organist when there are so many good performers in this city. Performers in this city. many good performers in this city. Profs, John Porter Lawrence, Geo. W. Walter, Wm. Waldecker and Anton Gloetzner and Drs. H. C. Sherman and J. W. Bischoff, it is asserted, cannot be excelled for church work by the same number of organists in one city in the country. any city in the country, Mr. Ernest Lent will commence rehears-

Mr. Ernest Lent will commence rehears-als of his string orchestra, which gave such a good account of itself last spring, early next month. This season Mr. Lent proposes to increase his force to sixty per-formers and he is daily receiving applica-tions for membership. Mr. Lent proposes to make the Washington String Orchestra an institution and will give two concerts at Metzerott Hall, when the organization will nave the assistance of prominent solo-

never seen by white men till Peary and Lee surveyed it fifteen months ago.

Peary Disheartened.
Peary was now so disheartened that he refused to have anything to do with the shipping of it aboard. There is something very pathetic in his remark to his brother-in-law. Diebitsch:
"I will have nothing to do with it. Everything I put my hand to the past two years has been a failure. Try it yourself."

Huge Meteorites.

A meteorite, about half a ton in weight, was found, and got aboard. Next day a larger one, about three tons, was discovered and also brought off by an improvised sledge on the ice, but the ice was weak, and it was nearly lost. The third or great meteorite could not be moved. It is an immense block of almost pure iron, with about 3 per cent of nickel, and weighs over forty tons, so they drilled a dozen holes in it and tried to split it up, but all endeavors were ursuccessful.

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Baptist Church.

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Renewed Interest by Members of the Moody Choir—Two New Organs to Baptist Church or Salutaris, E. Karet, Mr. Lawrence's ablitity is well known and he will bring out all the beauties and power of the new instrument. The choir under its new leader, row, will be most of the new instrument. The choir under its new leader, will chor use all the profess will be noted in the first baptist Church.

It is not true, says Mr. Percy Foster, will be Rossini's "Laudamus Te." by Miss Blanche Mattingly and full chorus; Dana's "Salutaris, E. Karet, Mr. Mariano Maina; Mrs. Lawrence's ablitity

and know whereof they speak.

nod's mass: Veni Creator, solo and quartet, by Shelley; Pizzi's "Ave Maria," with vicilin obligato, at the offertory, and the Agnus Dei, from Haydn's Mass, No. 2.

Mrs. Thomas C. Noyes will sing a solo at the Calvary Baptist Church on the occasion of the big rally to be given by that congregation. October 6. congregation, October 6.

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The choir of the Immaculate Conception, under the direction of Mrs. Clara B. Smith, began its duties yesterday, with high mass at 10:30 and vespers at 7. The following programs were given:

Organ prelude, Prof. Arthur D. Mayo; Asperges Me, Novelio, choir; Hayden's Fourth Mass; "Veni Creator," Cirillo; soprano solo, Mrs. Kate Scott Brooks; offertory, "Gaudeamus" Diabelli, solos, Miss Annie Grant and Messrs. Cook, Reeside and T. A. Murray; postlude, organ, Prof. Mayo.

Iayo. Le Jeal's Vespers and Magnificat, solos. Mrs. Smith, Mr. Cook, Mr. Reeside; "Salve, O Maria," female chorus; hymn, "Salve Regina," Dana, Mrs. Kate Scott Brooks; "O Salutaris," tenor solo, Mr. R. C. Balin-ger; "Tantum Ergo," Weigand in C. solo, Miss Annie Grant; Laudate Dominum, plain chant; grand march, organ, Prof. The feast of St. Matthew occurred on the

The feast of St. Matthew occurred on the 21st of September, but it was celebrated in the new St. Matthew's Church yesterday. The following is the program of the music sung: At the solemn high mass "Asperges Me," by Pecher; "Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus et Benedictus and Agnus Dei," comprising the celebrated Hummel's mass in E flat, being one of the most difficult classical and beau. Hummel's mass in E flat, being one of the most difficult, classical and beautiful masses sung in the Catholic Church. At the gradual, "Benedicta es tu," by Silas; before the sermon, "Veni Creator." by Wiegand; at the offertory, "Alma Virgo," soprano solo and chorus, by Hummel, and after mass a grand organ voluntary by Prof. John Porter Lawrence. At the 4 o'clock service Marzo's vespers was sung and the following hymns: "Alma Virgo," Hummel; "Salve Regina," a bass solo arranged for Mr. John H. Nolan; "O Salutaris," Cherubini; "Tantum Ergo," by Saint-Saens, and "Laudate Dominum, by Saint-Saens, and "Laudate Dominum, I Cassarini. The solo parts at both service Cassarini. The solo parts at both services will be sustained by Madames Zaidee R. Smith, soprano; M. N. Martin, alto; Wm. H. Burnett, tenor. and John H. Nolan, bass. The choir was assisted by the principal members of St. Patrick's choir, including Prof. Maina, Messrs. McFarland and Ryan, and from other choirs, making and Ryan, and from other choirs, making a chorus of about forty voices. Prof. John Porter Lawrence presided at the organ and Mr. L. E. Gannon was the director. Miss Allee E. Burbage, the planist, is an-other Washington musician. other Washington musician who is ho at the Atlanta exposition. In response to an official request she has sent her photo-graph and autograph and two of her com-positions as an evidence of what a talented weman can accomplish.

New Jersey Democratic Candidate.

Special to the Philadelphia Times. TRENTON, N. J., September 22, 1895. The democratic state convention will meet in this city next Thursday. From present indications It will not come up to the republican gathering in point of strife and bitterness, inasmuch as there is at the present writing but one avowed candidate, ex-Congressman Augustus W. Cut-ler of the fourth congressional district, who has been making an active canvass for the past six months. He is called the "Gran-ger" candidate, and while he will have a following in the convention, he will not be very likely to receive the nomination ists.

The handsome new organ in St. Patrick's following in the convention, he will not be very likely to receive the nomination. Chancellor Alexander T. McGill of Jersey City will probably be the nomines.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

rogram of the District Convention, Which Will Be Held in November, Arrangements for the Sunday school convertion to be held in this city the 11th, 12th and 13th of November rext are progressing. The music committee, which consists sing. The music committee, which consists of Maj. C. H. Carrington, chairman, Jerome F. Johnson and Mr. John B. Sleman, has completed arrangements for a literal supply of the music of the convention, so that every one in the large audiences which are anticipated may have a copy. Prof. Percy S. Foster has been engaged to conduct the music of the first and last assessions and heavement for the consistent of the conduct the music of the first and last assessions and heavement for the consistent of the conduct the music of the first and last assessions and heavement for the consistent of the conduct the last sessions, and has arranged for accommodation at the first session

accommodation at the first session of the Miccdy choir, or a large section of this popular singing association, to lead in the service of song.

The program committee, consisting of P. H. Bristow, president of the District Sunday School Union; Jas. L. Ewin, D. Percy Hickling, Frank Hamilton, president of the Primary Teachers' Union, and Col. Weston Flint, has had several meetings, and has roughly mapped out the entire program, without yet positively settling all the details. It has been practically settled that the first session, Monday evening, November 11, will be of a popular character, with addresses by Rev. C. H. Dodd, D.D., of Tienton, N.J., Mr. Jacobs of Chicago, Dr. Pelcubet of Boston and Miss Harlow of Lowell, Mass., in connection with the president's convert and connection with the president's connection with the president's convert and connection with the president's connection with the preside Pelcubet of Boston and Miss Harlow of Lewell, Mass., in connection with the president's annual address and the service of schg. This will serve to introduce the eminent Sunday school workers from a distance to the Washington public.

At the next session, Tuesday morning, the addresses will be largely directed to the officers of Sunday schools, with addresses by Mr. Jacobs and others. Tuesday afternoon the general subject will be season.

dresses by Mr. Jacobs and others. Tuesday afternoon the general subject will be teaching adults; Tuesday evening, teaching the boys and girls, who, at one time, were alone considered as scholars in Sunday school work, and must always be the main body of learners.

Wednesday morning the business session will occur, with reports from officers and committees, interspersed with bright music and with one or more addresses; Wednesday afternoon the work of the primary deday afternoon the work of the primary de-

and with one or more addresses; Wednesday afternoon the work of the primary department will be the subject, including kindergarten methods and the like, and Wednesday evening there will be another popular session interesting to the general putlic, with addresses by several of the most prominent of the Washington clergy.

Death of Mrs. Laura Lee Simpson. Word has been received in this city of the death at Newport, R. I., Wednesday last, of Mrs. Laura Lee Simpson, daughter of the late Capt. William Fitzhugh Lee, who was killed at the first Bull Run battle.

Her husband and four children surviv Eleven Mussulmans Arrested.

Eleven Mussulmans have been arrested for being concerned in the attack upon the American St. Paul's College at Tarsus, which occurred early in August, when stu-dents were maltreated and missionaries

Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds in fee have been filed as follows: Thos. E. Waggaman and John W. Pilling. Thos. E. Waggaman and John W. Pilling, trustees, to Cecelia M. Coughlin, part lot 20, sq. 154; \$2,400. Marian L. Sampsell to Chas. Thomson, lot 20, sq. 8, Eckington; \$10. A. M. Green et ux. to George F. Mathieson, lot 697, Anacostia; \$1,590. Albert M. Ridenour to Alice E. Ridenour, north ½ lot 20, sq. 218; \$450. Wm. E. Spier et ux. et al. to Thomas Norwood, lots 96 and 97, sq. 70; \$10. Wm. E. Norton et ux. to George N. Fitton, part original lot 14, sq. 611; \$1,700. John T. Layton et ux. to Benj. J. Edwards, lot 13, sq. 65; \$10. Patrick T. Moran, executor, to Timothy J., James E. and Katle A. Sheahan, part lot 6, sq. 15; \$10. Michael J. Colbert and Charles H. Parker, trustees, to Paul E. Johnson, lot 33 and part lot 31, sq. 542; \$1,955.83. Paul E. Johnson to Mary A. Colbert, same property; \$2,500. ert, same property; \$2,500.



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